

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

NOTICE

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September 5, 2017

TO: All Concerned Personnel

FROM: Chairperson, Uniform and Equipment Committee

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF USE OF LOAD BEARING VESTS

It has come to the Department's attention that officers might be wearing Load Bearing Vests (LBV's) continuously while performing uniformed field duties. This practice is not authorized. The Uniform and Equipment Committee Notice dated June 30, 2015, established the policy regarding when officers may wear an LBV and states the following:

Authorized LBVs and equipment may be used under the following circumstances:

- Officers are involved in a tactical situation where a suspect is believed to be armed with a weapon that is capable of defeating concealable ballistic armor (high velocity handgun or rifle).
- Officers are involved in a tactical situation where they may require additional tactical equipment that would not normally be carried on the Sam Browne, such as additional ammunition, portable water supply, medical trauma kit, etc.
- Officers are involved in pre-planned tactical events, such as a search warrant service, with the approval of the Watch Commander or Officer in Charge.

All LBVs and equipment pouches must be black in color. Use of olive drab green or camouflage colored LBVs and equipment pouches is prohibited.

Note: Officers are reminded that once the tactical situation is over, officers **shall** doff their LBV and return to their authorized daily uniform.

Effective immediately, all Commanding Officers shall ensure officers are **not** wearing LBVs on a continuous basis while performing regular field duties.

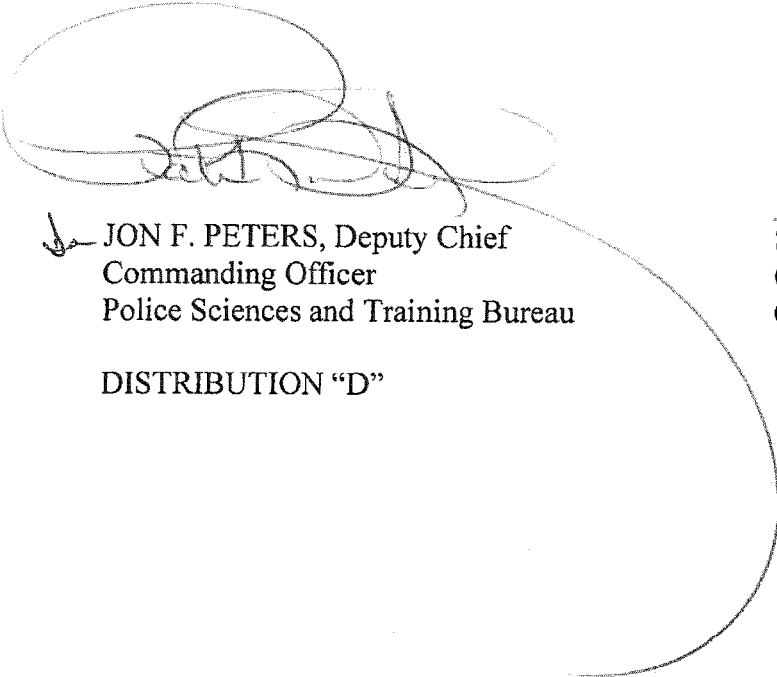
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Any deviation from the uniform wearing standards is a violation of Department policy and not authorized. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sergeant Richard Evans, Uniform and Equipment Coordinator, Police Sciences and Training Bureau, at (213) 486-7098.

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